



Other Residents of Lake County

Lake County's human population coexists with creatures that slither, crawl, swim, trot or fly across the central Florida landscape. As growth continues, Lake County takes precautions to safeguard our region's sensitive habitats. Before a county road construction project is started, the Public Works Department consults with independent wildlife specialists who visually inspect the site for evidence of threatened or endangered species such as the gopher tortoise and scrub jay.

During 2003, the quarantine area of the Animal Control facility was expanded to accommodate an additional 40 dogs, thus expanding the facility's capability to avert health risks by isolating potentially dangerous animals.

Through our 4-H program, young people in both rural and urban settings learn responsible animal care. Some of our participants' favorite projects include the care and nutrition of livestock, equine skills practice, and dog training.

Native wildlife can be found as close as your backyard. Lake County is home to numerous species of spectacular butterflies. Master Gardeners at the Agricultural Center are happy to advise you on ways to attract these colorful highlights to your garden. Butterfly enthusiasts of all ages will enjoy walking through the enclosed butterfly exhibit at the Agriculture Center. Here, visitors gather ideas for gardens that butterflies can't resist.

July

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Perhaps the County's most troublesome creature is one of the smallest – the mosquito. Decreasing the spread of disease transmission and annoyance by mosquitoes is the awesome task of the County's Mosquito and Aquatic Plant Management Section. The encephalitis virus commonly referred to as West Nile Virus has impacted Lake County in previous years and is here to stay. Additionally, the Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis virus has once again elevated its activity to above normal levels. Responding to the threat of these pests, Lake County Mosquito and Aquatic Plant Management adulticided the insects, covering over 900,000 acres at a cost of 17 cents per acre during fiscal year 2003.

Lake County residents are indeed fortunate to have an abundance of native wildlife and natural habitats in our midst. Treasuring our environment today and preserving it for tomorrow is a mission that Lake County government holds dear.



Keeping Our Mosquito Population under Control is a Priority